



Date:March 30, 2005Meeting Date:March 23, 2005Location:DEMA Facility

**Purpose:** Southern NCC Transportation Management Team (TMT) Kickoff Meeting

## **List of Committee Members and Meeting Attendees:**

See Attached Sheets

#### Handouts provided during the meeting:

- Southern NCC TMT Contact List
- Southern NCC Transportation Map

## I. Opening Remarks

Gene Donaldson (DelDOT/TMC) welcomed the group and opened the meeting with brief introductions from the meeting attendees. He listed several accomplishments to date including the countywide TMT meetings in New Castle County (Jan. 25), Sussex County (Feb. 9), and Kent County (Mar. 2). At the New Castle County TMT Kickoff Meeting, the group agreed to proceed with TMTs for north and south of the C&D Canal.

Next, Gene gave a brief background on the TMT concept. He discussed levels of response for different "levels" of incidents. Gene also explained DelDOT's roles in the Delaware Emergency Operations Plan (DEOP) Emergency Support Functions. DelDOT is the primary agency for ESF 1: Transportation and ESF 3: Public Works and Engineering.

Gene stated that the purpose of the meeting was to develop short-term and long-term action items for the critical issues and concerns affecting emergency response in Southern New Castle County. After the meeting goals, Gene opened up the floor for discussion.

## II. Open Discussion

## Traffic Control

Gene asked the group if there is a designated person at the incident scene in charge of managing traffic at the incident site (Scene 1) and the surrounding area (Scene 2). Chief Jim Watson (DE Fire Chief's Assoc.) stated that within NCC the Fire Police and DSP are working together to improve traffic control.

Dave Carpenter (NCC EOC) expressed concern with the different traffic control training courses and exercises used by the TMT agencies. He suggested that the TMT develop a uniform inter-agency traffic control plan with training courses. Dave noted that the TMT does not need to start from scratch in developing the traffic control plan. He noted that a former DelDOT employee, Joe Vattilana, wrote a manual and other agencies have similar manuals and training exercises (e.g., City of Phoenix Fire Department and National Highway Institute).





#### **Communications**

Larry Alfree (Civil Air Patrol) asked how the TMT agencies will communicate while managing incidents. Gene stated that one of the goals of the TMTs is to have standard operating procedures for inter-agency communications. He said that communication already exists between the TMC and the 911 Centers/EOCs. He mentioned that DelDOT has integrated with DSP CAD, but they still need to integrate with the counties.

Mr. Alfree asked if DelDOT is automatically aware of incidents that affect the transportation system. Gene answered that DelDOT/TMC is not always aware, and that Police/Fire/etc. should not assume that DelDOT knows of the incident.

Chief Watson stated that integrating the various agency radios is critical. Dave Carpenter suggested having TMC channels for the counties instead of statewide. Dave asked if the TMTs should communicate directly with the TMC; however, it was agreed upon that at this time agencies should continue to follow their own standard procedures.

## **DelDOT's After-Hours Resources and Response**

Lt. Alice Bailey (DSP Troop 9) stated that the DSP relies heavily on DelDOT resources for support at the scene. She suggested that the group focus on improving DelDOT's after-hours response. Gene noted that this issue has been brought up at the other TMT meetings, and it will be addressed at the statewide level.

Dave Carpenter suggested that DelDOT and other agencies provide a list of resources – e.g., equipment, personnel, vehicles, materials. Chief Ray Barcus (Townsend Fire Company) stated that the NCC Fire Chief's Association is working on a resources list.

#### Critical Coverage Areas

Dave Carpenter suggested that the group focus on the SR 1 / US 13 corridor and the DE 896 / DE 71 / US 301 corridor. Lt. Alice Bailey (DSP Troop 9) noted that road closures affecting the four C&D Canal bridges are critical to the entire state and region.

Chief Ray Barcus (Townsend Fire Company) expressed concerns with the limited access to SR 1, and he stated that there is an immediate need for more crossovers. Lt. Bailey added that DSP frequently used two breaks in the guardrail along SR 1 (near the C&D Canal Bridge); however, the gaps are no longer there. Gene stated that at the time of the SR 1 design there may have been concerns for motorists illegally using the crossovers. Lt. Bailey stated that illegal use is not a serious problem (approx. 3 tickets per month).

Gene said that DelDOT will bring roadway information (i.e. volumes, accidents, etc.) to upcoming meetings, and he urged the attendees to continue to provide their expertise and identify where and when problems exist.





## Leadership

The group agreed that Jim Wormley (DelDOT Canal District) would be the leader for the Southern NCC TMT.

## III. Action Items

See attached spreadsheet.

## IV. Next Meeting

The group proposed to hold future meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

## The next meeting will be held on Tues., April 12 at 6:30pm at the Townsend Fire Hall.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Gene at <u>gene.donaldson@state.de.us</u> or (302) 659-2404. Additionally, Edwards and Kelcey is providing consulting support and helping assist DelDOT in coordinating the efforts. Tony Clarke and Matt Buckley can be reached at <u>cclarke@ekmail.com</u> / (410) 646-4505 and <u>mbuckley@ekmail.com</u> / (610) 701-7000, respectively.





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# Southern New Castle County TMT Action Items

Issues (Action Items)	Priority	"Data" Needs	Assigned	Submitter(s)	Task Leader	Legislation / Policies?	Status
1 Develop TMT plans for Critical Corridors and Areas DE 1 / US 13 DE 896 / DE 71 / US 301 DE 9 SR 1 Limited Access and Crossovers C&D Canal Bridges	Med	Traffic volumes & roadway capacities Accident data Bridges - height & weight restrictions DelTrac tools (existing and proposed) Detour route checklist Roadway construction (existing and proposed) Capital Transportation Program	3/23/2005	Alice Bailey - DSP Ray Barcus - Townsend Fire Co. Dave Carpenter - NCC EOC			Ongoing
2 Improve DelDOT's After-Hour Response STATEWIDE TMT ACTION ITEM	High	List of available resources (per time of day) List of DelDOT communication tools	3/23/2005	Alice Bailey - DSP Dave Carpenter - NCC EOC Jim Watson - DE Fire Chief's Assoc.			Ongoing
3 Improve Communications Understanding Roles & Responsibilities	High	List of communication tools available (per agency) List of common terminology	3/23/2005	Dave Carpenter - NCC EOC Jim Watson - DE Fire Chief's Assoc.			Ongoing
4 Improve Maintenance of Traffic (Traffic Control) Safety is #1 priority Uniform, Inter-agency Training	Med	Previous DelDOT materials (Joe Vattilana) Phoenix Fire Dept. and NHI training material List of available training courses	3/23/2005	Dave Carpenter - NCC EOC			Ongoing